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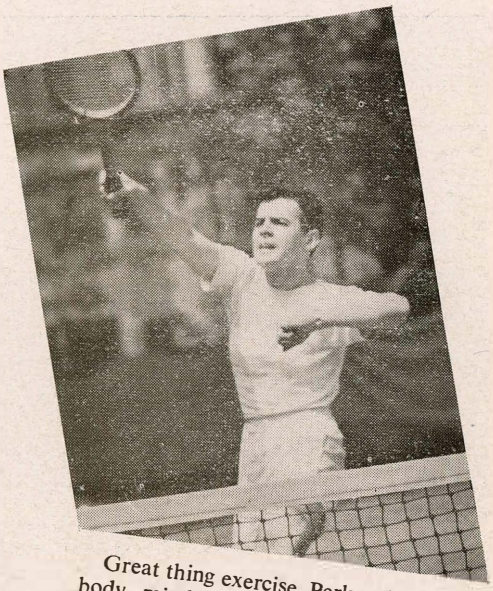

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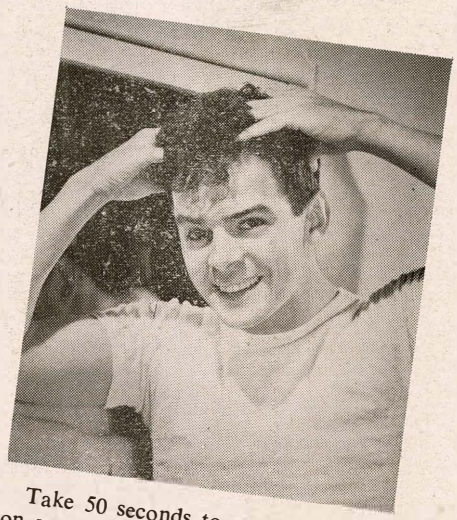

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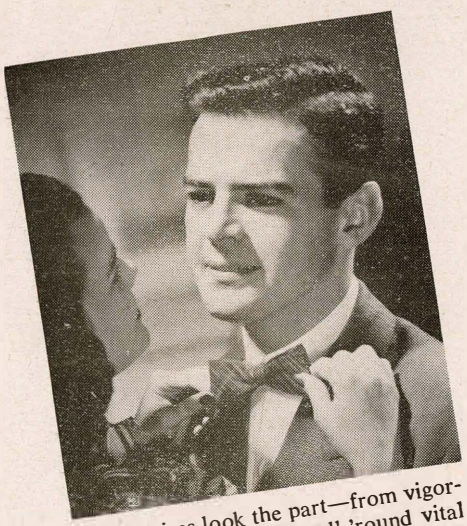

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ADMINISTRATIVE

CURRICULUM REPORT

Perhaps the most important event at Hamilton, since the completion of the Alumni Gym, is the now complete Report on Curriculum by the College's Curricular Committee. The report, finished last month, has been in Utica where it is being mimeographed. Within the week it should be received from the printers and distributed among the faculty and trustees.

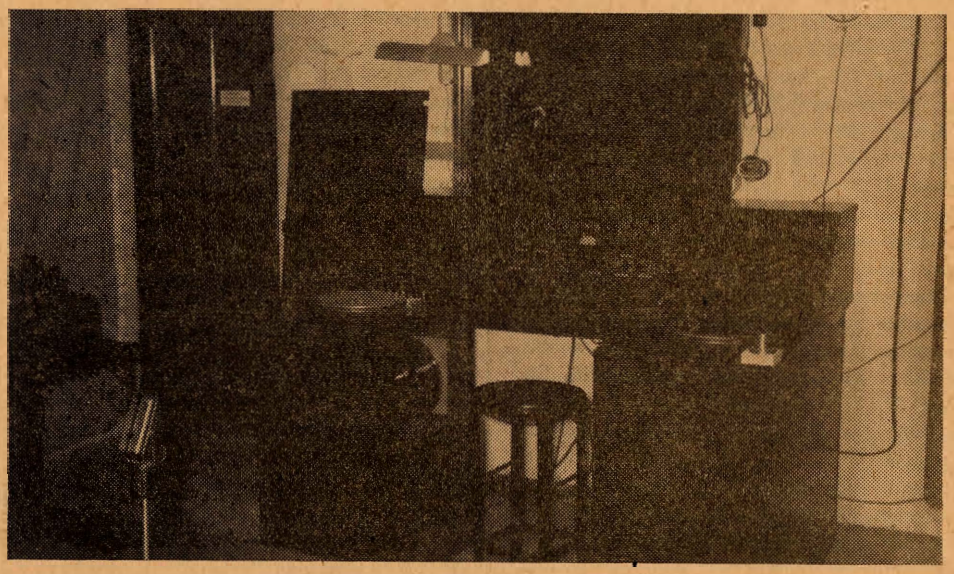
Professor Boyd Paterson, Chairman of the Committee (which consists of Messrs. Hess Patton, Shute, Cameron, Nesbitt, and Mattingly) stated that the report is "voluminous" containing 103 typewritten pages, single-spaced. The report will not be publicized before the faculty has studied and discussed it and taken action, which, due to the length and scope of the report, probably will not be for some time. (Dr. Patterson hopes that definite action will be taken before the semester ends). He explained that this did not mean that the syllabus of the report is to be purposely kept from the student body; in fact, he and other members of the Committee, have discussed making available a limited number of copies for interested students. This, however, cannot be definite, pending further consideration by the Committee and President Worcester.

VETERANS

AVC ELECTION

Showing their confidence in the future of the American Veterans Committee, the Hamilton College Chapter returned its slate of temporary officers in the elections held in the Baker Memorial Room of the Gymnasium on Monday, March 3. Richard I. Muniz, Francis A. Dolan and Robert Welker were returned as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and David Parker, who has been gaining excellent notices of local chapter activities in the Utica newspapers, was selected to act as Publicity Chairman.

Previous to the elections, the members discussed a potential program whereby the chapter may play a more vital role in campus activities. Since the Hamilton AVC'ers had endorsed the organization's National Planning Committee's anti-Communist resolution, the membership felt that this information might be employed to counteract the anti-AVC "smear" campaign.



"A LONG STEP ... FROM ... CRATES AND BOXES ..."

COVER...

"This is station WHC, the Voice of College Hill, Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y." These familiar words first went out into the air in the fall of 1941. Just a year ago the station resumed operational, after a wartime curtailment. Still using the operational techniques from pre-war organizational days, the station was rejuvenated on a trial basis. In spite of outmoded equipment, student response was extremely favorable. Throughout the spring, summer and fall WHC has worked to obtain sufficient funds to give the station the new equipment adequate to satisfy the interested college community. After a two and a half month shutdown, broadcasting will be resumed on Monday, March 10. Last minute operational and vocal difficulties are now being dispelled in preparation for the official resumption.

Few students who read the bulletin board in Root Hall have failed to notice the curtly-worded announcements to WHC personnel. The author of these directives, Edward M. Kelly, Jr., has been responsible for the resumption of broadcasting last year and the reorganization in the past few month's. WHC interested Ed in radio. It is appropriate that he should be the one to lead the

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W. H. C.

OPENING NIGHT

For the first time in the history of intercollegiate radio broadcasting, a network of college radio stations, not unlike that of a national hookup, is scheduled to begin broadcasting next Monday evening, March 10. As a member of the Ivy Network, which includes among its twenty-four stations, those of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Haverford, Cornell, Rutgers, Brown, Wellesly, Union, and Williams, Hamilton's WHC will participate in presenting a scheduled program from 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. on "opening night."

The beginning of the network marks the return of WHC to the air following a complete renovation of equipment; new broadcasting "machinery" has replaced all of the worn material used in operations last fall. Visiting engineers from Utica's WIBX praised the equipment as "the best we have seen . . . a suggestion for replacements in our own transmitter house."

After a two week period of installation of the equipment, built by several expert radio technicians from central New York, the radio staff made its first tests last Saturday and discovered that a few minute, unexpected, and, at that time, undeterminable "bugs" were preventing campus-wide broadcasting. The best technical advice

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available has set to work to overcome the deficiencies before the station is to go into operation next Monday.

With its new accessories WHC, as a member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, expects to be amply prepared for its scheduled turns at presenting several of the five-night weekly network broadcasts from 9:00 to 10:00 P. M. The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System which is a coordinating unit of forty college broadcasting stations, founded by former students at Brown University as the first college broadcasting system, endeavors to provide its members with the best in network broadcasts.

Reopening of WHC is in large part responsible to the efforts of sixty students, comprising the staff of the local studio; of these, seven hold key positions with Edward M. Kelly as station manager; Paul B. Boehm, assistant station manager; Herman Vanderwart Jr. and Robert G. Johnson, program directors; John F. Drews Jr., business manager; Bernard R. Hawley, chief announcer; and Joseph C. Raho, chief engineer.

Broadcasting hours for the local studio are as follows: Monday through Friday from 7:45 to 8:15 A.M. and from 8:00 to 11:00 P. M., and on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. No broadcasting is scheduled for Saturdays.

According to Edward M. Kelly, "the technical layout is, in addition to being as good as that of any other collegiate broadcasting system, a long step forward from a year ago when the equipment was a confusing mass of crates and boxes." By the end of this semester, work should be completed on modern, soundproofed studios to round out the WHC "headquarters" in the basement of Root Hall.

"Hamiltonews on the Air"

—Hamiltonew's Forum—
—WHC—Monday, March 10—
—8:30 to 9:00 P. M.—
"The Student Looks At His College"
Speakers: John Richardson, George Merrill, Lee Bristol, Charles Redmond.

COVER (CONT'D)

station into, as the Program Director says, "a new era." After serving on WHC's original staff, Ed served as the Sports Editor and Program Director for the Armed Forces Radio Service in Balboa, Canal Zone. Now, as overall manager of the station, Ed has trained announcers and engineers, raised funds, floated loans and is now leading the staff sternly but surely into the near-professional college radio field, from the WHC studio in the basement of Root Hall.

Kelly and WHC both arrived on the Hill in the fall of 1941. A product of the Park School in Buffalo, Ed spent his first two years climbing the Hill from the TKE House. One of the framers of the Publication Board Constitution, Ed still is a member of that body. He seems to have a flair for originality. Beside the activities already mentioned, Kelly is noted for his classroom typewriting. Now a member of ELS and an Eddy Condon fan, he plans to do graduate work in political science after his September graduation. Kelly's suave manner and nimble tongue will aid him in his profession.

When the **Voice of College Hill** officially resumes broadcasting on Monday night, the number of radios tuned to 1550 K.C. will be all the tribute to his efficient and inspiring work that Ed would desire. He has aided in the founding, has been vital to the transition, and has set the course of the future of WHC. In the basement-studio is a map of the "Ivy Network" of college radio stations. A black line connects the colleges and universities near the coast, extends to Bucknell, in Pennsylvania, and thence to Hamilton. That map represents Kelly's reward, but, even more, it represents the value of a potent combination of a loyal and progressive alumni and an equally loyal and responsible group of students. Hamiltonians of the present and future will thank them.

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ATHLETICS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hamilton College, despite many rumors to the contrary, is not up for reprimand on the basis of awarding athletic scholarships. Both Messrs. Jones and Bennett have disclaimed any intention on the part of the Administration to consider awarding athletic scholarships to matriculating men who might help Hamilton's teams. This is not to say, however, that the College accepts scholarship candidates solely on the basis of their scholastic records.

Mr. Bennett, who is Secretary of Admissions and also serves on the Scholarship Committee, briefly outlined scholarship policy as it stands now. Any candidate for a scholarship must stand in the upper half of his class and must have some extra-curricular interests, which might or might not include athletics. Mr. Bennett said that in a normal year it is difficult for even the largest of colleges to fill their Freshman classes, thereby necessitating the admission of all acceptables and a few who are not up to par. Last year and this year, with almost fifteen hundred candidates for admission to 150 vancancies, more students of athletic ability can be admitted.

The College is apparently desirous of obtaining good athletes so long as they are acceptable scholastically. Both Mr. Bennett and Dean Jones deplored the public view that Hamilton is not interested in athletics. Furthermore, it appears that the Administration would not be averse to any Alumni sponsored athletic scholarship, provided that the candidate was acceptable.

By way of suggestions to get good scholar-athletes interested in Hamilton, reference was made to such trophies as the cup which Williams College awards to the best student and athlete in the Senior Class at Albany Academy each year. Other colleges have Alumni funds for those who are acceptable as matriculants but not as scholarship students. Both men interviewed were keen on the idea of obtaining more detailed information on good athletes who seek admission, citing the fact that some athletes (or pseudo-athletes) accepted turn out to be flops, whereas a through investigation on the part of either the athletic department or the Block H Club might reveal the true story on an athlete who was candidate for either admission or a scholarship.

PRESIDENT

PUBLICATIONS MEETING

Continuing the recently initiated policy of informal Sunday evening meetings with undergraduates leaders, President Worcester met with twenty-five students at his home. The most recent gathering, which was held on March 3, differed from previous "get-togethers" insofar as the evening's discussion was limited to publications and a proposed raise in the publications fee. Formerly, the topics had covered the entire gamut of student-administration interest.

The President's "gemutlicheit" strikes the keynote for the easy informality at his home. No stuffy teacup balancing enters into the scheme of the present meetings. Students and Administration sprawl castelessly on the chairs, couches and floors of the attractive Worcester living-room, and the path to the dinning room and excellent refreshment is trod constantly.

The evening's heated argument made little concrete gain as far as settlement of future publication financial policy was concerned. Many of the men present, including Charles Redmond, Block H and hockey leader, "could not see" the logic in the Publication Board's proposals. President Worcester, sensing the impasse that had been reached by the clashing groups, suggested that Student Council chief John Williams select a committee to study objectively all the pros and cons of the situation. The findings of this sub-committee would form the basis of future decisions or might possibly lead to a referendum of the entire student body.

In addition to President Worcester, the Administration was represented by Dean of Faculty Blyth, Dean of Students Jones and Assistant Dean Overhiser. The success of the meeting, and in bringing to light many points generally unknown to a great number of students has led campus leaders to agree that the evenings fill an obvious gap in student-administration relationship.

LIBRARY

A HINT

Those students who can never remember to return reserved books on time, no longer need worry. The library staff has placed a box in the entrance-way to receive books at any time that the building is closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DEAN'S OFFICE

Prospective Freshmen

Dean Jones recently returned from a tour of numerous Connecticut schools where he met several prospective candidates for admission. The Dean was preceded, in some cases, by letters from Hamilton's Block H Club. This campus organization has invited some of these prep school students to the Hill in line with its program of introducing schoolboy athletes to the College. The Dean found that the prepsters were responding very favorably to the Block H invitations.

Two of these guest "sub-freshmen" were here over the past week-end. After viewing the triumph over Williams in the Sage Rink, the boys were treated to a round of fraternity house parties. Appearances indicated that the schoolboys were favorably impressed with Hamilton athletic prowess and conviviality.

Block H's attempt to attract prep school athletes to Hamilton is laudable. The organization deserves the complete cooperation of the student body in its efforts to bring this fine type of athlete-student to the Hill.

Job Placement

Several prospective June graduates interested in selling, merchandising, and advertising were interviewed on Wednesday, March 5 by a representative of the Vick Chemical Company. On March 12, a representative of the Lees-Cochran Company (knitting and rug mills) will be available for interviews.

These conferences are being arranged by the Hamilton College Job Advisory and Placement Service, in line with this service's program of expanding job opportunities for Hamilton graduates. At present, Assistant Dean Overhiser, who is heading the work, is anxious to hear from interested June and September graduates. All men who are graduating at the end of the present semester or at the end of the summer session, and who are desirous of college aid in job-seeking are asked to register with Assistant Dean Overhiser by March 10.

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HOCKEY

WILLIAMS

The Buff and Blue Sextet racked up their fifth victory of the season last Saturday night when they smothered a scrappy Williams six 10-4 on the Sage rink. Second line center Carl Knapp took the individual scoring honors with four goals, two of which were scored in less than a minute of playing time in the second period. Knapp was also accredited with an assist on a goal put in by Capt. Charlie Redmond in the second canto. The first line of Redmond, Dick Burns and Babcock accounted for the other six goals, each scoring two apiece.

Captain Redmond dented the twine on a solo dash in 2:02 of the first stanza to start the Continental scoring spree and the first Williams tally came close on the heels of this goal as Benson dropped one in on a screen shot from the left side of the cage. The first period was marked with a good deal of so-called "shinny" hockey as the puck was batted back and forth between both teams. Williams managed to pass goalie Sontheimer in 17:38 of this period to match Knapp's counter of four minutes earlier and thus knotted the score at two-all as the period ended.

Williams opened the second canto with two quick goals which put them in the lead until Knapp wound up on two brilliant solo sprints half way through the period and "beat" the Williams' goalie twice in less than a minute. Frequent trips to the penalty box were taken by both teams in this period and the Continentals wound up in the lead, 6-4, after Dick Burns, (Redmond) and Redmond (Knapp) scored their first and second tallies, respectively. After this the Buff and Blue had little trouble with the Ephmen and proceeded to add four goals in the final period to run the total to ten. Dana Babcock, right wing on the first line, got a good start on the coveted "hat trick" when he scored two goals within eleven seconds in the third canto, the first counter coming at 0:42, and the second at 0:53.

The free-for-all in the final stages of the game was brought on by an accidental board-check but it was brought under control quickly and the participants sat out the remainder of the game in the penalty box. The Continentals' defensive play was especially noteworthy as they checked back time and again to combat the Williams' "two man jump" offense. Bernie Burns turned in his usually fine game at defense despite the head injury which he recently sustained in the Colgate game.

Williams came to this game with a reputedly weak team but as always in this rivalry the contest was hard fought throughout with plenty of fast, smart hockey.

IN THIS CORNER

You know there is something to this thing called Sport. There must be. And I'm not talking about guys like Joe Louis, though his Sport has enabled Joe to do about as much for his race today as Abe Lincoln did 80 years ago.

I'm not talking about "Pepper" Martin who wasn't eating regularly until he put on spikes. Sports gave Durocher a push in landing himself a gorgeous wife, but I don't mean that. That's big time.

I'm talking about the high school kid that runs the half mile. His stomach feels "funny" the day of the race—as if he had swallowed a handful of cotton. His mouth is dry and he's nervous.

He dies a couple of times waiting for the gun. He'd like to quit at the 440 mark because he can't breathe anymore and some guy just passed him looking as fresh as a cold bottle of soda.

He finishes a lousy third and lays on the grass and blows his guts out. A kid like that might not even get a letter, but he's out there at practice, sweating and grinding every 3:00 p.m.

They say it's for glory. I can see those cold, dreary November afternoons. At 5:30 it's getting dark and the third string tackle is bleeding a little from the mouth. His hands are numb and blue; he's been getting hit, battered, and bruised for two hours. The regulars have ripped off their off-tackle powerhouse play about seven times, and the scrub has trouble getting up after each play.

He doesn't get glory. Saturday he rots on the bench. During the game he's got a good seat. Suppose he's at Hamilton. Why does he play? There are no pretty women watching. He's not going to play on a championship club and see himself in the newsreels. He knocks himself out for 2 hours a day and doesn't make a nickel. Why? The answer is easy—love of the game.

THE SUMMARY

HAMILTON	
Babcock	RW
R. Burns	LW
Redmond	C
Crew	RD
B. Burns	LD
Sontheimer	Goal
WILLIAMS	
Reynolds	RW
C. Coleman	LW
D. Coleman	C
Owens	RD
Irwin	LD
Estabrook	Goal

Spares—Hamilton—Nadal, Carmer, J. Burns, N. Burns, Knapp, Steiner, O.Burns, von Thurn, Williams, Sage, Murray.

Williams—Benson, Bryans, Conway, Dunmore, Hearly, Huntington, Radcliff, Spencer, Schmidt, White.

Scoring:

First period—Hamilton, Redmond, 2:02; Williams, Benson, 8:02; Hamilton, Knapp, (N. Burns), 13:14; Williams, Reynolds, 17:52.

Second period—Williams, Benson, 4:21 Willims, C. Coleman (Radcliff) 5:27; Hamilton, Knapp, 14:10; Hamilton, Knapp, 14:52; Hamilton, R. Burns, (Redmond), 15:54; Hamilton, Redmond (Knapp), 17:41.

Third period—Hamilton, Babcock (B. Burns), 0:42; Hamilton, Babcock, 0:53; Hamilton, R. Burns (Redmond), 10:30; Hamilton, Knapp,17:53.

Referees—Hoff & Williams

SWIMMING

UNION TRIUMPH

In a meet characterized by the closeness of finishes, the Hamilton swimmers suffered their fifth straight defeat last Saturday, this time at the hands of the natators from Union. With the score standing at 49-19 going into the final relay, Bob Held, Dick Gregory, Dick Grimley, and Bob Insley managed to put on a top performance in that event to win by almost a pool length, and bring the final score up to 49-26. The meet itself started off with a thrill when Union beat out the home team in the medley relay by a half stroke. The star event of the day was Bill Taverner's setting a new pool record in the fancy diving by amassing 79.9 points, 35 more than his nearest competitor. The previous pool record in this event was set last Wednesday by Taverner with a total of 76 points. The swimmer who showed the most improvement was Joe VonHake who had the crowd on its feet during his 150 yard backstroke race.

Next Saturday the team will travel to Rochester for the last meet of the season. In their last meeting in January, the hill tankmen nosed out the Yellowjackets by the score of 38-36 for their only win of the year.

CLINTON NIPS HAMILTON

In the closest and roughest game played this year, the Clinton H.S. nosed out the Hamilton team, 4-3, on the Sage Rink, Wednesday evening, March 5. Details of the game will be published in next week's edition of HAMILTONEWS.

SUMMARY (CONT'D)

CINEMA

"M"

The tradition in literature of the urban psychotic murderer is a mellowing and jolly one. More specifically, in the movies, few cinematic years have gone by without at least one such familiar story coming around to the Bijou to renew its close friendship with an ageless audience whose arms are ever warm. (Lately, in accordance with Hollywood's new psychoanalytical bent, the genre has been broadened to include various shades of neuroticism. But many, I am sure, will hold that the place of Jekyll-Hyde and Jack the Ripper will never be usurped).

In recent years some rather lavish productions of the old theme have been done up—to the tune of piano concertos, Victorian settings, falling chandeliers, and (the late) Laird Cregar; none of these, in my opinion, has succeeded in being a really considerable film—either in sheer knee-knocking or accurate psychopathia. The film reviewed herein illustrates a feat that should not really surprise anyone, (Shakespeare, and others, having done something of the same thing), that of creating a substantial art out of a well-worn story. Nor has this been done in "M" by lavishness of anything except skill, intent, and style.

"M" was filmed in Germany in 1931, and originally ran 30 minutes longer than does the version now shown. It was directed by Fritz Lang, now in the United States, and stars Peter Lorre as the murderer of little girls.

In spite of inadequate and often unclear English titling, the imaginitiveness and mood of "M" project themselves successfully throughout, from the first moment of the first scene, in which we see a gloomy courtyard where a group of young children are chanting one of their games. The history of one of these little girls' demise (the seventh victim), which begins the narrative, is reported with the utmost discretion, as is all of this tale of manhunt. Horror is created impersonally, as if from a distance, and with an absolute minimum of outburst. Suspense is fiercely maintained; you see very little of the madman for the first half of the film, though his terrifying presence is never far off. Excitement grows as intensive search for him is taken up by citizens, police, and underworld alike.

Finally, he is taken by the organized criminals, and tried before them in the cellar of an old brewery. This is one of the most fascinating scenes in "M". At last the murderer faces us, a bloated, pop-eyed, hysterical little man who pleads violently to be turned over to the police. This mock-trial scene makes provoking implications concerning a relationship between the avowed psychopath and the mob of common thieves, beggars, and racketeers. It seems to comment, ironically enough, on the question of justice for society's aberrents.

At any rate, the police do arrive, in time to save him for the legal courtroom, presumably to plead insanity. The story ends here.

Though there is unmistakable conventionality about some of the incidental devices used in "M" (for example, having the murderer whistle Grieg whenever he's excited—much like a teapot, and in some of the stock characterizations of local officials), the remarkable acting of Peter Lorre, and continuously imaginative, skilled direction of a thoroughly alive and realistic conception, make "M" a sustained, satisfying thriller, and an interesting attempt to be even more.

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DEBATE

STATE UNIVERSITY

Representatives of the Hamilton debating group came away with top honors Friday evening, following a debabte with two students from neighboring Mohawk College. Hamilton's Paul Greengard and Alfred Schneider took the affirmative on the subject, "Resolved: that there is a need for a State University in New York State," with Mohawk's Rowan and Rosenberg presenting the negative view. Mr. Tate of the Hamilton Education Department, acting as judge, declared the Hill team victorious after its convincing presentation of the affirmative. Notable points, as forwarded by Messrs. Greengard and Schneider, included the pressing duty of the State to educate its citizens. They pointed out the responsibility that the State, as the people's servant, must recognize in producing an active, intelligent, and well-imformed public. The economic advantages resulting from such a system, according to Greengard and Schneider, not only include prosperity in the State, but more important, a smooth-running, effective governmental body. And, some ten thousand potential students were turned away from college gates last year, showing the dire need for additional institutions of learning.

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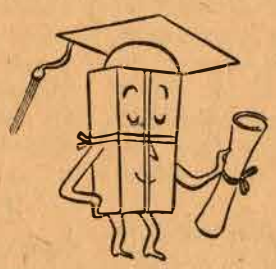

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REPORT ON RUSSIA

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". . . Who was our friend when the world was our foe."

It was thus that Oliver Wendell Holmes described Russia in a poetic tribute to Czar Alexander III when he visited the United States. That we must reiterate the history of friendly U.S.-Russia intercourse, was the theme of Mr. Richard Scandrett's Monday evening lecture on his experiences in White Russia during the late war-years.

Mr. Scandrett, a pleasantly candid gentleman of 55, has quite obviously remained refreshingly free from the suspicious dourness of men who have to think hard before they utter a word for or against a person, a nation, or an idea. Those who listened to him speak might have thought: "here is a real American, let's hope the Russians appreciated him." Apparently they did. A Republican, Scandrett was first appointed to a subordinate position on a mission to Russia by President Roosevelt. Realizing the imminent collapse of Germany, Roosevelt began early to lay the foundation of peace negotiations by organizing a group to collate information and investigate Russian policies regarding reparations for use at a conference. In May of 1945 Scandrett and a committee headed by Edwin Pauley left for Europe: destination, Moscow. It was important to FDR that, while the coalition was still functioning ("Coalitions are held together by the pressure of events," says Mr.Scandrett), the Pauley Committee should determine as much as possible about the future of reparations. Mr. Pauley, Mr. Scandrett told his audience, had not read his directive or even the minutes of the Yalta Conference before he began demanding, "What did you mean by looting the poor Germans?" From then on Pauley might just as well have stuck his head out of a window and tried to chat with the Almighty, as to try to get the attention of Russian officialdom. Having returned to the U.S., Scandrett had not completely recovered his good temper when he heard that Pauley was a prospective appointee to a high State Department position. In a memo (later published by Drew Pearson) he obliquely informed Secretary of State Byrnes that Pauley was not the man for the job. It was a dignified report, Scandrett remarked, not mentioning sordid details, but the President and the Secretary of State were not speaking for some time after Pauley's rejection.

When he was asked to head a mission to Byelorussia by Herbert Lehman, chief of UNRRA, Mr. Scandrett accepted on condition that he be allowed to select his staff. He took Russian-speaking personnel, a typewriter with keys of the Russian alphabet, learned to write his name in Russian, and made every arrangement that would assure efficacious communication with the Russians when he reached Minsk, his mission's headquarters. Approached by a U.S. Army colonel before leaving, he was asked to pick up all the information he could on Russian military installations he might visit. He told the colonel that, regarding the delicacies of spying and the concomitant possibility of of being shot, he thought that someone else should take the job proposed!

Mr. Scandrett's observations of Russia were, apparently, the views of a man who used American forthrightness to avoid restrictive and censorious suspicion by the officials of White Russia. He suggested that the $65 million he was taking to the Russians in UNRRA supplies, might have affected their nature, but the impression he gave was also that the bureaucrats of Minsk were somewhat less restrained by Kremlin caution, and could offer UNRRA personnel and correspondents considerable freedom. He was obviously pleased to be able to say that he was not spied upon, and that because he made a favorable attitude possible, he was allowed to get a true picture of the Russian people. Those people, he told his audience, are individualistic and are as dissatisfied with Russia as, let us say, the British are with present conditions there. At one of cooperative farms he visited, an old woman pointed out two local heroines who had been decorated for bearing a prodigious brood of anonymously-sponsored children. Said the old woman: "it's the only machine on this farm that works."

Mr. Scandrett concluded his very informative talk with the outline of his remarks to the Russians during the vodka-drenched parting banquet given for him: "We should know each other, we should pluck the beam from our own eye, we should both (the U.S. and Russia) take care that the hand of friendship is not mistaken by overt tactlessness. Quoting John Donne, " 'no man is an islande of himself . . .' "

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We all have our hobbies and leisure-time interests, but none could be any more unusual or absorbing than that of Earl Williamson '50, of 23 North, namely—rockets. Williamson claims that he has had the rocket "bug" for the past six years, and has been making successful ones for the past two, both at his home in Rochester and during his first year here.

These rockets are very tiny things, with sticks not more than one foot in length. The front end contains a tiny case of sheet copper powered by various mixtures. By the use of graphs, Williamson has conducted several experiments to measure the force which his rockets have as they are shot off and propel themselves upward.

A typical one of these tiny missiles,, when launched in front of North Dorm climbed 150 feet in the air and landed between Carnegie and the Gymnasium. Some of his rockets may have gone as high as 500 feet.

As for his future interest in rockets, Williamson maintains that they will probably never be more than just a hobby with him, a spectacular plaything.

Another interest of his, not so spectacular, but with more promising future, is gasoline jet motors. He used to conduct experiments with simple jet motors, back in high school days. The Williamson back yard in Rochester was the scene about two years ago of an experiment in which a red hot gasoline jet motor propelled itself at approximately 30 miles per hour.

Last term Williamson conducted a similar experiment in back of Morrill House, which however, did not meet with the same striking success—it didn't work.

UNION MOVIES

Football Coach Svendsen is showing the moving pictures of Hamilton's thrilling 7-6 Union victory in the Chemistry Auditorium on Friday at 7:45 P.M. Anyone who is interested in seeing these excellent movies is invited to attend.

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TRUSTEES ON ATHLETICS

In view of the recent, widespread, though often unfounded criticism that has been passed around the campus concerning Hamilton's athletic policies, HAMILTONEWS feels that the administration's decision to clarify the situation is a good one.

Some student opinion actually would believe that Hamilton College actively attempts to de-emphasize its intercollegiate athletic program. While it is true that a great majority of undergraduates would deplore the institution of an athletic scholarship policy, there are those men on the campus who zealously plug for the admission of freshmen able to contribute athletically as well as intellectually to their alma mater.

Though Hamilton's Trustees, the men who, in the final analysis, actually form Hill policies, have long gone on record as being opposed to any sort of athletic scholarship idea, they enjoy seeing Hamilton well-represented on the playing field.

Mr. Sidney B. Bennett, our Secretary of Admissions, co-operates with this sentiment by giving the nod, whenever possible, to the boy who is physically as well as mentally endowed.

Mox A. Weber, Chairman of the Physical Education Department, helped to clear up many student misapprehensions when he read and explained different excerpts from the printed, Trustee-prepared Hamilton College Athletic Policy.

Clearly realizing the fact that a team which faces superior competition soon becomes disheartened and demoralized, the Trustees have agreed to sanction Hamilton's searching further afield for suitable athletic opponents Teams which are now obviously out of our class are being dropped from our schedules, and more suitable competition is being booked in their stead. This decision necessarily involves the scheduling of schools from as far west as Ohio and Indiana, and from as far south as Maryland. As this will inevitably mean the missing of several days' classes during a trip, it strikes us that the policy-makers are showing a remarkably liberal and understanding comprehension of the situation.

HAMILTONEWS feels that the College administration, in as far as it is financially able, is capably and energetically devoting a fair share of its attention to the Hill athletic program. We optimistically look forward to the time, in the very near future, when Hamilton teams, assured of at least an equal chance, will enter into a rosier athletic era.

HIVE OF STUDENTS

In TIME March 3, a story appeared under *Education* which made us wonder if the puzzle of the "spirit" of Hamilton's post-war student body is not a world-wide enigma.

Entitled *Oxford Without Sherry,* the story included these observations:

> " . . . Everybody was too busy swotting (Oxian for hitting the books).
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> The old Oxford had always been a young Oxford with plenty of time for parties, pranks, and leisurely 'education for the whole man.' Now, the average undergraduate is 26 . . . From Oxford he asks 'something practical' . . .
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> Once undergraduates thought nothing of spending a week campaigning for an entirely mythical M. P.; this year even the prankster who put the traditional chamber pot on the Martyrs' Memorial had to call attention to the fact by writing to the press . . . Sighed one Old Oxonian: 'The Colleges seem to be declining from homes of learning to mere hives of students.'"

Decades of Hamilton classes have distinguished certain traditions as first-rate. As at Oxford, there was a time when the men of Hamilton had time to express in many ways a pride in their College (writing songs about Hamilton, never failing to greet each other on Campus, and other examples which we know today). Even the frivolous chamber-pot tradition has its counterpart at Hamilton. And, reflecting that Oxford, an offshoot of the first great University of the western world (Paris), has had its "parties, pranks and leisurely education . . . ", we might ask if this "earnest utilitarianism" is not a kind of disease which is sapping the potency of the education which the world's "classical" colleges represent.

Few of Hamilton's undergraduates do not realize that our College is to some extent, an American counterpart of the Oxford ideal. We should expect that here a social consciousness may be developed by living in a close-knit community of similar interests. But there is something "in the air" which irritates the student who thinks that Hamilton represents more than a cash-on-the-barrelhead transaction for an education. If students come to Hamilton by choice, why are its first-rate features accepted half-heartedly?

Hamilton has students who will never refuse their support to a friendly tradition, a student activity, an all-College social undertaking. Here are students who support the athletic policy, the Honor System, and the Sunday Chapel program, because of the ideals which they represent. They may gripe the loudest about ephemeral misuses of those ideals, but they are *Hamilton* men. What classification do we give the fellow who keeps his nose down when he walks across the Campus, who prates to his friends that the Honor System is foolishness, or who doesn't know the name of the captain of the football team.
time for this and that.

Hamilton is often measured by its Alumni. Was the loyalty they show developed in a "hive of students?" We don't think so. Here's a Huzza! for the Old Oxonian.

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